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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
of  
**NATIONAL SOFTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION,**  
A North Carolina Non-Profit Corporation

The undersigned being of the age of eighteen years or more, does hereby make and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina.

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the Corporation is "National Softball Coaches Association."

**ARTICLE II**

The period of duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE III**

The purposes and objectives for which the Corporation is organized are as follows:

A. The National Softball Coaches Association has been formed to foster national and international amateur sports competition, to educate softball coaches and the public in the game of softball, including coordinating the relationship between softball team membership and other educational endeavors through the development of softball in all its aspects as an amateur sport, including maintaining communication of new ideas and discussion of issues involving softball and education. The purpose shall be advanced by the development of softball on an amateur basis for local, national, and international competition; the continued development of programs, tournaments, and games for facilitating competition in the playing of the sport; the refinement of national and international rules, regulations, and procedures that will enhance participation in the sport, sportsmanship, athletic leadership, and continued development and encouragement of

education and training of persons participating in softball as administrators, coaches, teachers, umpires, other officials, and players; and in effecting such purposes thereby also promote the health and welfare of the participants and of the general public by encouraging and fostering the widespread playing of softball as an amateur sport and integrating it with other educational endeavors.

B. The programs and purposes of the National Softball Coaches Association shall be designed, maintained, and limited so as to qualify the organization for and to enable it to retain an exemption from federal income taxation within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for an organization formed to foster national and international sports competition and other educational goals. (No part of the activities of National Softball Coaches Association will involve the providing of athletic facilities and equipment.)

C. No part of the assets or income of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its incorporators, directors, or members, nor shall any part of the assets or income be used to carry on propaganda, political or otherwise, nor shall any contributions be made to organizations a substantial part of the activities of which consists of carrying of propaganda or political activities, nor shall this Corporation participate or intervene in, including the publishing or distributing of statements for, any political campaign or the affairs of any candidates for public office, nor shall it engage in substantial lobbying before public legislative groups for the passage of legislation.

#### ARTICLE IV

The Corporation shall have five classes of membership as shall be provided in the Bylaws. All members shall be accepted, appointed, elected or designated in a manner provided in the Bylaws. No person may be rejected from membership solely on the basis of the person's race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, religion, creed, age, or physical condition.

## ARTICLE V

The directors of the Corporation shall be elected or appointed in the manner and for the terms provided in the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE VI

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any officer, director or member of the Corporation; and upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, promotion of national and international amateur sports competition, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of general jurisdiction of the county or province in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated for such purposes.

## ARTICLE VII

The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation in the State of North Carolina is 134 Montclair Circle, Durham, North Carolina 27713. This registered office is located in Durham County, North Carolina; and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is Judith A. Martino.

## ARTICLE VIII

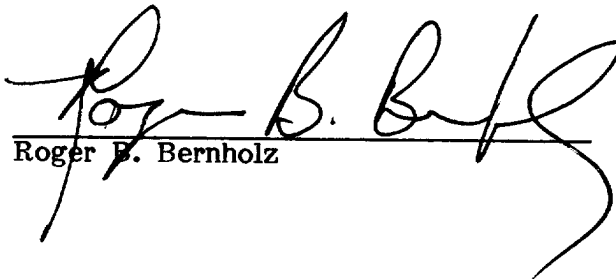
The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be nine (9); and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Directors are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Susan Craig	University of Mexico Carlisle Gym Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131
Connie Claussen	Women's Athletics University of Nebraska 60th & Dodge Omaha, Nebraska 68182
June Walker	Athletic Department Trenton St. College Trenton, New Jersey 08625
Mary Nutter	Pittsburg St. University Women's Athletics 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762
Hank Dicke	Kearney St. College Women's Athletics Kearney, Nebraska 68847
Bonnie Koch	Mesa College Women's Athletics Grand Junction, Colorado 81501
Lorene Ramsey	Illinois Central College Highview Rd. East Pedria, Illinois 61635
Mickey Davis	Golden West College 15744 Golden West St. Huntington Beach, California 92647
Ginger Kurtz	Glendale Community College 6000 W. Olive Glendale, Arizona 85302

#### ARTICLE IX

The name and address of the incorporator is Roger B. Bernholz, Suite 20,  
Franklin Building, 137 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this the 19<sup>th</sup> day  
of April, 1983.

  
Roger B. Bernholz

NORTH CAROLINA

ORANGE COUNTY

I, WENDY KIMBEL, a Notary Public for said County and  
State, do hereby certify that **Roger B. Bernholz** personally appeared before me  
this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing and attached  
**Articles of Incorporation.**

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, 1983.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

7-4-83

